

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN FEES IN SAINIK SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the SC/ST students were given free education till 1977 in Sainik School, Tilaiya;
- (b) if so, reasons for introducing fee structure for SC/ST students in 1997;
- (c) whether there has been a tremendous increase in fees charged from them since 1977;
- (d) if so, details thereof since 1977, year-wise; and
- (e) the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

- (a) Till 1985-86, the State Government of Bihar was bearing the fee in respect of SC/ST students.
- (b) to (e): Sainik Schools are financially self-sustaining and depend mainly on fee collected from students and through scholarships provided by the State Governments. The Government of Bihar continues to extend full, half, quarter scholarships proportionate to the income of the parents. However, due to cost increases the parents, depending on their income, have to pay over and above the scholarship provided by the State Government since 1986-87.